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## Gowen Field gets a coffee shop!

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In September, we told you it was coming and now it's finally here! Gowen Field's

very own coffee shop!

As part of the push toward an economically viable and sustainable Morale, Welfare and Recreation program, the coffee shop is the latest phase in Gowen Field's MWR overhaul.

Located within the Gowen Club of building 710, you'll find Annie Tombari—barista extraordinaire—serving up some of Idaho's best local coffee; Dawson Taylor. Her warm beverages are certain to satiate even the snobbiest of coffee snobs.

"The shop opened up Dec. 12 and business has been picking up ever since," Tombari said as she prepared a small, single shot skinny mocha. The bar's current hours of



Annie Tombari prepares a drink for a customer at the coffee shop at the Gowen Club in building 710 on Dec.23. The coffee shop is the latest step of improvements to the Idaho National Guard's MWR program.

operation are Monday thru Friday 6 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and on drill weekends.

"You can look forward to a new name for the shop in 2015; we're still trying to decide what to call it," Maj. Chris Titus, Idaho National Guard MWR program director said.

The food and beverage service, the events/catering program, the Gowen Field RV Park and the Air National Guard's storage lot all play a key role in promising a

stable and sustainable MWR future by generating a steady source of revenue.

Check out the MWR Program website for updates on the coffee bar and other exciting MWR programs and events at <a href="http://nationalguard.idaho.gov/mwr">http://nationalguard.idaho.gov/mwr</a>.

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